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Personal Attention of the Chief Constable,
Humberside Police,
Priory Police Station,
Priory Road, Hull, Humberside HU5 5SF

Your ref IX306/12 Safer Roads Humber:- False Claims in 2010/11 Report

Dear Chief Constable,

I have written to you twice to provide irrefutable evidence that Safer Roads Humber's claim of £73m saved by their safety cameras cannot possibly be true, and by a very large margin.

It is surely significant that your recent perfunctory and dismissive reply, telling me that you proposed to do nothing whatever about these false claims, **makes not the slightest effort either to justify those claims or to tell me - let alone explain why - I am mistaken.** As with similar replies from Safer Roads Humber and various local authorities, the significance of this can only be that **you know perfectly well that I am right, but prefer not to admit it.** If like them, you hope that I will now give up and go away you are sadly mistaken.

It is beyond rational dispute that road safety policies and spending decisions based on seriously incompetent analysis of the underlying data can only prejudice those decisions and with them the safety of road users - as well of course as the pockets of taxpayers. For those reasons my conscience and the inherent duty of care I owe - even as a private citizen - will not allow me to give in and give up. For these reasons I will now file a **formal complaint with the Humberside Police Authority against you personally and other officers** involved in refusing to act over these blatantly false claims.

In my view your conduct in failing to ensure that these false claims are withdrawn is not only contemptible but also a breach of the Policeman's Oath which you and they have sworn, that in its current version promises that:

*" I of do solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will well and truly serve the Queen in the office of constable, with **fairness, integrity, diligence and impartiality**, upholding fundamental human rights and according equal respect to all people; and that I will, to the best of my power, cause the peace to be kept and preserved and prevent all offences against people and property; and that while I continue to hold the said office I will, to the best of my skill and knowledge, **discharge all the duties thereof faithfully according to law.**" (my emphasis)*

Even in the unlikely event that Safer Roads Humber were so extraordinarily incompetent as to believe the figures they published, they cannot fail now to understand that the claims are wildly wrong, yet they and you refuse to withdraw them. Nowhere in your Policeman's Oath am I able to find authorisation to condone blatant lies and hide the truth. In any case, there are of other laws governing the behaviour of private citizens and public servants including police officers, such as breach of duty of care, misconduct in a public office, misfeasance, fraud and conspiracy to defraud and publishing false information - all of which I will review in the context of your refusal to act. Incidentally, a recent failed Appeal involving a young lady who chose not to call for help when her sister died from taking illegal drugs confirmed, if it needed confirming, that **failing to act** can be just as much of an offence as the original offence. A thought to ponder perhaps as road users in Humberside continue to be exposed to greater risks than would be the case if available funds were spent sensibly on far more cost-effective measures than cameras.

I am also referring this affair to Humberside MP's, MEP's and Councillors, my own MP, the DfT and Transcom as well as fully documenting it on my web site www.fightbackwithfacts.com.

Yours sincerely,

Idris Francis